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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,090,000 head as of November 1, 2010. The latest inventory was up 9 percent from October 1, 2010 and up 5 percent from the 1,040,000 on feed on November 1, 2009. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 170,000 head of fed cattle during October 2010. This is 6 percent below the marketings of the previous month but 6 percent above a year ago. An estimated 270,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during October, down 8 percent from the September 2010 placements, but 10 percent above last year's placements of 245,000. Of the October placements, 20 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 20 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 22 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 37 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for October, at 10,000 head, is up 5,000 head from last month and up 5,000 head from last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on November 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.50 million, 1 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.44 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 725,000, 600-699 pounds were 640,000, 700-799 pounds were 514,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 625,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.73 million, 1 percent below 2009. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during October, 5 percent above 2009.